

Who can be a Parish Councillor – Eligibility Criteria.

Anyone can be elected as a Councillor if they are:

- ✓ A British, Commonwealth, Irish, or European Union citizen
- ✓ At least 18 years old
- ✓ And meets at least one of the following conditions:
 - a) a local government elector for the area of the parish (registered to vote)
 - b) have during the whole of the twelve months preceding that day occupied as owner or tenant any land or other premises in the parish
 - c) their principal or only place of work during that twelve months has been in the parish
 - d) have during the whole of those twelve months resided either in the parish or within three miles of it.

A person is however disqualified from being a Councillor if they:

- a) hold any paid employment or office in the local authority that they seek election to
- or
- b) are the subject of a 'bankruptcy restrictions order' or other interim order
- or
- c) have, within five years before the day of election or since their election, been convicted of any offence and has had passed on them a sentence of imprisonment of at least three months (whether suspended or not) without the option of a fine
- or
- d) have been found guilty of corrupt or illegal practices or responsible for incurring unlawful expenditure and the court ordered their disqualification.